

RECEIVED

DEC 09 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

7404-89.CPS.clk.253554v2



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
Joel S. Douglas) Before the Examiner
Application No. 09/875,297) Christopher L. Chin
Filed June 7, 2001) Group Art Unit 1641
December 3, 2003)
DEVICE FOR DETERMINATION)
OF AN ANALYTE IN A BODY FLUID)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

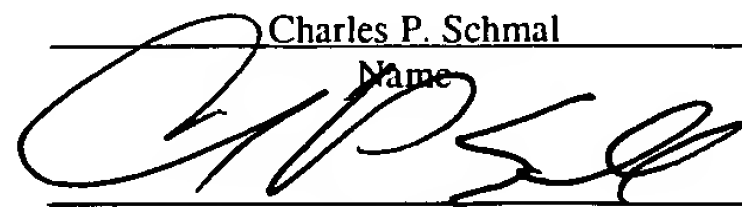
Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

December 3, 2003
(Date of Deposit)

Charles P. Schmal
Name

Signature

December 3, 2003
Date of Signature

Response to Office Action
Serial No. 09/875,297
Group Art Unit 1641
Attorney Docket No. 018176-391 (7404-89)
Page 1 of 12